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Title: Need to sanction 200 crore for reviving the dyeing industry in Tamil Nadu.

SHRIMATI V. SATHYABAMA: Madam, I would like to bring to the notice of the Government the crisis being faced by the garment/dyeing industry of Tirupur in Tamil Nadu where the livelihood of more than five lakh workers are at stake, for it to be remedied.

The CETPs, that is Common Effluent Treatment Plants, of Tirupur are under threat of closure because of the actions taken under SARFAESI Act, whereby all the CETP accounts are classified as NPA.

Having understood this crisis, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, hon. Amma had represented this issue to the hon. Prime Minister of India twice. We have been requesting the Centre to sanction a special grant of Rs. 200 crore to settle the bank dues and also to complete the ZLD project. Even after repeated requests made by the State Government of Tamil Nadu, this request has not found favour with the Centre.

Our proposal was first sent to the Ministry of Textiles which sent it to the Ministry of finance with very strong recommendations, which found its way to NITI Aayog. ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: Please put your demand. Do not read out all these things.

SHRIMATI V. SATHYABAMA: I will take only half a minute Madam.

After studying the proposal, it also made strong recommendations and sent it to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry for sanction of grant. But ultimately the Ministry of Commerce and Industry sent it back saying 'insufficient funds to consider the proposal favourably'.

If this proposal is not considered favourably and if there is a delay of one more month to sanction Rs. 200 crore, then the assets of CETPs will be taken over by the banks under the SARFAESI Act, and the dyeing industries will face closure and the livelihood of five lakh workers will be affected.

So, I would request the Government of India to consider this and immediately sanction Rs. 200 crore for reviving this industry from the prospect of imminent closure. Thank you.